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Below is information from various sources on the activities in Madrid during October and November 1946 of Spanish monarchists, leftists and military men toward the solution of the Spanish problem. Because of the fluid situation of the political picture inside Spain, the significance of the conversations is difficult to evaluate but it is believed that the fact that they took place may be of interest.

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1. A leader of the Izquierda Republicana in Madrid told source that he had been informed through reliable channels of a meeting of monarchists which took place on 17 October. The Izquierda member had been in contact with Major Juan Castello, a close friend of Manuel Jimenez Fernandez, former republican Minister of Agriculture at present living in Seville, and source believed that Castello supplied the information. Castello came to Madrid in response to a summons from General Aranda, who tried without success to win him over to the monarchist cause. Castello returned to the Andalusian capital on 22 October. At the meeting of 17 October, consideration reportedly was given to asking the Giral Government to broaden its base to include representatives of the monarchist sector.
2. According to a CNT member who is in close contact with General Beigbeder, a monarchist meeting was held on 24 October at the home of General Kindelan, who arrived in Madrid on 21 October after some months of exile. During the conference, the feasibility of opening negotiations with the Giral Government was discussed, with General Kindelan supporting the proposal. The CNT member stated that Beigbeder was notified of the suggestion and that the latter agreed with Kindelan.
3. A friend and former aide of General Kindelan stated that in early November General Varela, High Commissioner of Spanish Morocco, came to Madrid. His arrival, together with that of the Duke of Alba from London and the return of General Kindelan has given rise to numerous rumors concerning monarchist activities. The informant stated definitely that a meeting was held at Kindelan's house on 5 November attended by Beigbeder and Borbon and that it was decided to summon General Tella y Cantos to confer with them. The informant added that Tella was received at the British Embassy on 10 November.
4. A leader of the republican public order service in Madrid also stated that Tella y Cantos had been to the British Embassy on 10 November, where, he added, an effort is being made to secure support for the formation of a Spanish government-in-exile to be composed of monarchists and republicans.

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and from which the Communists would be excluded.

5. The CNT member mentioned in paragraph 2, who is close to General Beigbeder, stated that on the night of 8 November Kindelan, Beigbeder and the Duke of Alba were in conference until 4:00 a. m. The informant stated that Beigbeder is willing to go along with a plan to establish a republican form of government in Spain, providing that the government is not Communist dominated. He added that Beigbeder was scheduled to have an interview on 14 November with Belloi, First Secretary of the French Embassy. The informant was to be present at the interview. The conference originally had been scheduled for 11 November at the Embassy, but was postponed and the place of meeting was changed to Belloi's home.
6. A member of the Bloque Republicano de Espana stated on 14 November that Beigbeder, Kindelan and Borbon were in contact with elements of the Alianza Nacional de Fuerzas Democraticas, including members of the CNT, certain Socialists and members of the Republican Parties, as well as with Lt. Colonel Miguel Palacios, who heads a group of republican military men, and with Cavalry Major Jose Maria Vazquez, former aide to Segismundo Casado.

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